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TECHNOLOGY LAW DEPARTMENT
MCI WORLD COM INC
1133 19TH STREET NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20036

In re Application of
Michael D. O'Dell, et al.
Application No. 09/469,506
Filed: December 22, 1999
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
PROVIDING MULTI-USER ACCESS TO A
PACKET SWITCHED NETWORK

This is in response to the "Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," filed April 12, 2000, and supplemented by facsimile on May 12, 2000.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application after having been presented with the application papers. Specifically, the statement of facts by Paul A Roberts indicating that he personally met with Mr. Mamakos and received positive notification that Mr. Mamakos was in receipt of the Declaration/Power of Attorney and Assignment, and had reviewed the finalized patent application approved by the inventors and that Mr. Mamakos refused to sign the declaration is deemed sufficient to establish that the inventor was mailed the application papers, including the specification, claims and drawings, but refused to sign the declaration.

The petition fee of \$130.00 will be charged to the practitioner's deposit account as authorized.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(a), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The application file will be forwarded to Technology Center 2100.

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